

SSN Conference 2025



Collaborating for Climate Action: Addressing Challenges, Delivering Change

Wed 11 June 2025 | 09:00–13:00 | Online

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The SSN Annual Conference returns on Wednesday 11 June 2025, hosted online via Teams, bringing together the public sector to focus on climate action.

The conference will welcome public sector colleagues, SSN members, and industry professionals to one of Scotland's major public sector climate change events.

Conference highlights include:

- Strategic priorities for addressing public sector climate challenges and opportunities
- Understanding the costs of climate change and developing sustainable resilience
- Improving climate action planning
- Building personal and professional resilience

This year's speakers bring together leading voices in climate action, policy, and resilience.

Dr. Richard Dixon opens the event with insights from his *In The Red* report for the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, highlighting the financial urgency of climate action.

Sessions include a Scottish Government policy update, a talk on psychological resilience by Prof. Julian Manley, and a focus on risk and resilience with Andrew Forsyth of Zurich Resilience Solutions.

The day concludes with an SSN Adaptation Sub-Committee panel, chaired by Dr. Emma Yule, exploring practical approaches to building resilience across sectors.



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Event Programme

9.00–9.10	Introduction and Scene Setting
9:10–9:15	Cabinet Secretary pre-recorded address
9.15–10.00	In the Red: Costs, Opportunities and a Call to Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Richard Dixon, author of the <i>In The Red</i> report for the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, and Chair of Environmental Standards Scotland <i>including Q&A</i>
10.00–10.30	Scottish Government Policy Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phil Raines, joint Deputy Director for Domestic Climate Change, Scottish Government
10.30–10.45	Break
10.45–11.30	Personal and Professional Resilience in Challenging Times <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Julian Manley, University of Central Lancashire and Board Director of the Climate Psychology Alliance UK <i>including Q&A</i>
11.30–12.00	Risk and Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrew Forsyth, Head of Climate Resilience and Sustainability, Zurich Resilience Solutions,

Zurich Insurance
including Q&A

- Craig Love, Director, Impact Assessment and Environment, Scottish National Investment Bank
including Q&A

12.00–12.10

Comfort Break

12.10–12.50

Improving Resilience and Sustainability: panel session by the SSN Adaptation Sub-Committee

- Dr Emma Yule, Kings College London (session chair

Panel

- Amy Ritchie, Head of Sustainable Resources and Social Responsibility, University of Strathclyde
- Cat Payne, Senior Climate Resilience Manager, Verture
- Lorna Jarvie, Co-ordinator Sustainability, Climate Change and Nature | Corporate Policy | Strategic Change and Communities | South Ayrshire Council
- Dr. Joanna Teuton, Health Improvement Manager – Population Health and Climate Change, Public Health Scotland
Including Q&A

12:50–13.00

Closing Remarks

Programme subject to change